



# St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont  
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

## Office and Rectory

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## St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Daily Mass T - F 8:00 AM  
Holy Days  
    Anticipatory 6:00 PM  
    Day of... 7:00 AM

## St. Mary Church, Clearmont

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

## St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:00pm

**Confessions** Saturday 11:00am  
Saturday after 5pm Mass  
By Appointment

## Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Lori Zink</i>	620-5113
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	684-7439
Janitor	<i>Mick Camino</i>	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	684-2171
Parish Council Chair	<i>Mike Ihnat</i>	684-7698
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920

**Baptisms** – Please call Fr. Pete

**Marriage** – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

**Prayer line Requests** – Patty Myers, 684-9381 or Jan Edgcomb – [jmpe@wyoming.com](mailto:jmpe@wyoming.com)

**Rosary Guild** – Thursdays at 8:30am to 10am; call 307-660-4936 for meeting place

**Sacrament of the Sick** – After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

## Religious Education / Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 21 – 11:15am Youth group

Tuesday, Jan. 23 – 7pm Last class of Bible study  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Jan. 24 - 3:45pm & 7pm CCD

Saturday, January 27 – 7pm RCIA

Sunday, January 28 – 11:15am Youth group  
6pm Feast in hall

Tuesday, February 6 – 12noon CCW meeting

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jan. 21, 2018**

**Altar Assisters:**

**SATURDAY, Jan. 27, 5pm**

Lector: Sarah Sandman

EM: Tim Sandman

Altar Servers: Asher/Kieran Murray

**SUNDAY, Jan. 28, 8am**

Lector: Steve Reimann

EM: Vexie Reimann

Altar Servers: Ben/Bryce Camino, Matt Harrison,

Tye Tanachion

**SUNDAY, Jan. 28, 10am**

Lector: Dianne Urruty

EM: Jean Urruty

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Homebound Ministry, Friday, Jan. 26**

OPEN

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF Jan. 14, 2017**

St. John's	\$ 3,534.55	YTD \$ 112,547.21
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$ 2,676.15
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 2,691.50
Poor Donations	\$ 120.00	
Online Donations		

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon.	01.22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	01.23	8:00 a.m.	Bernie Davis
Wed.	01.24	8:00 a.m.	Mary Davis
Thu.	01.25	8:00 a.m.	Carol DeLois
Fri.	01.26	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Ihnat
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	01.27	5:00 p.m.	+Edith Ihnat
Sun.	01.28	8:00 a.m.	+Edith Ihnat
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 a.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon-2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

***Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn***

Tue-2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

Wed-2 Samuel 7:4-17; Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

***Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of Church***

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Gospel: Mark 16:15-

18 ***Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle***

Fri- 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

***Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops***

Sat-2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Call Jean Vignaroli, 684-2562.

**FR. PETE:**

***Bishop Biegler is coming to St. John's! He will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the Sunday Masses on February 4 and will join us for breakfast after the Masses. He will also preside at Mass at St. Hubert's in Kaycee that afternoon. This is his first visit to our parish. Please make the effort to come to one of the Sunday Masses and welcome him. You will find that he is very approachable and enjoys being around people.***

***Come to the annual Beast Feast on Sunday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall.***

This is an opportunity to share a "wild game pot luck." You are encouraged to bring your favorite recipe to share and pictures of your hunt.

If you don't hunt and have never experienced how tasty wild game can be, come! If you feel guilty about coming empty handed, bring a salad to share or some mashed potatoes or rice which are guaranteed to go well with any dish!

If you don't hunt, and perhaps have never used a gun, we have sign-up sheets to match you with instructors who are willing to teach you. We have money in a fund to even help you get your first kill processed.

We are greatly blessed to live in Wyoming where hunting is a way of life, where there is great respect for the gift that our wild life is and there is a profound awareness that this gift must be used wisely.

### **Ever get lost in all the trivial things of life?**

**Read the following!** Originally written for monks in the fourth century, its words can certainly apply to us. It was part of an instruction written by St. Basil the Great. He was born in Cappadocia, the eastern part of what is modern day Turkey. Basil became the bishop of Caesarea during the time of the Arian crises in which some denied the Divine Nature of Christ. Through great pastoral zeal and preaching Basil was able to show the foolishness of the heresy and helped to preserve the orthodox faith. He was instrumental in establishing monastic communities. He died in 378.

*What words can adequately describe God's gifts? They are so numerous that they defy enumeration. They are so great that any one of them demands our total gratitude in response.*

*Yet even though we cannot speak of it worthily, there is one gift which no thoughtful man can pass over in silence. God fashioned man in His own image and likeness; He gave him knowledge of Himself; He endowed him with the ability to think which raised him above all living creatures; He permitted him to delight in the unimaginable beauties of paradise, and gave him dominion over everything on earth.*

*Then, when man was deceived by the serpent and fell into sin, which led to death and to all the sufferings associated with death, God still did not forsake him. He first gave man the law to help him; He set angels over him to guard him; He sent the prophets to denounce vice and to teach virtue; He restrained man's evil impulses by warnings and rouse his desire for virtue by promises.*

*Frequently, by way of warning, God showed him the respective ends of virtue and of vice in the lives of other men. Moreover, when man continued in disobedience even after he had done all this, God did not desert him.*

*No, we were not abandoned by the goodness of the Lord. Even the insult we offered to our Benefactor by despising His gifts did not destroy His love for us. On the contrary, although we were dead, our Lord Jesus Christ restored us to life again, and in a way even more amazing than the fact itself, "for His state was divine, yet He did not cling to His equality with God, but emptied Himself to assume the condition of a slave."*

*"He bore our infirmities and endured our sorrows. He was wounded for our sake so that by His words we might be healed. He redeemed us from the curse by becoming a curse for our sake," and He submitted to the most ignominious death in order to exalt us to the life of glory. Nor was He content merely to summon us back from death to life; He also bestowed on us the dignity of His Own Divine nature and prepared for us a place of eternal rest where there will be joy so intense as to surpass all human imagination.*

*How, then, shall we repay the Lord for all His goodness to us? He is so good that He asks no recompense except our love: that is the only payment He desires. To confess my personal feelings, when I reflect on all these blessings I am overcome by a kind of dread and numbness at the very possibility of ceasing to love God and of bringing shame upon Christ because of my lack of recollection and my preoccupation with trivialities.*

### **Living and Giving in Christ Campaign update.**

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. John's	\$55,909	\$33,559	\$30,557
St. Mary's	1,192	1,217	1,217
St. Hubert's	1,110	1,300	1,170

**Many thanks to the folks at St. Mary's in Clearmont and St. Hubert's in Kaycee for not only making your goals but surpassing them!**

**Many thanks to the folks in St. John's who have pledged and fulfilled their pledge (about 91% of you).** The parish will have to pay the Diocese nearly \$25,000.00. This means withdrawing from savings. To those who have not given, please consider doing so. Every penny that you are able to give is literally one less penny that has to come out of our savings. Thank you!

Each parish goal is determined by the following formula: 20% of the parish's gross income plus 10% of the parish's extraordinary income (e.g. mineral / gas / oil payments).

### **The season of Great and Holy Lent is fast**

**approaching!** Ash Wednesday is February 14. Yes...Lent begins on Valentine's Day! For those who are interested in following the Eastern Church's guide to fasting:

---Sunday, February 4 is Meatfare Sunday where all meat is removed from one's diet until Easter.

---Sunday, February 11 is Cheesefare Sunday where all dairy products are removed from one's diet until Easter.

Many of you used the free Advent materials from Dynamic Catholic Institute and thought very highly of them. The same opportunity is available for Great and Holy Lent. Dynamic Catholic Institute is offering a free daily email program to help guide you on the 40-day journey through this marvelous time. All you need to do is sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp) and enjoy the program.

### **Lent is not about giving up chocolate or**

**beer!** Make no mistake: The Lord requires those who are able, to fast. The Lenten fast is not about depriving our stomachs, but the

insights gained from self-denial. What insights? The truth that we are totally dependent on our God, that we are very fragile creatures and not the "gods" we think we are, that our grumbling stomachs allows us to experience what so many in the world do for days on end because their access to food or their ability to afford food is very limited and this should draw from us greater charity for the poor. The fast from physical food should also compel us to fast from those things that can destroy our souls and embrace what we are put on this earth to do: refrain from gossip (which is a form of murder) and speak words that help build people up; rip out envy from within us over what others have and cultivate gratitude for what we have; tackle lust and rejoice in the gift of the spouse we are given; confront anger and allow kindness to grow. And that just touches the surface!

**"Fr. Pete...Thank you for suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood while this flu epidemic is going on. Would you be willing to suspend shaking hands at the sign of peace?"** I think it is a prudent thing to suspend shaking hands at the sign of peace, but I don't have the authority to do that. Some bishops have done this. *My advice: make the personal choice not to shake hands!* I would advise that if you do shake hands have a hand sanitizer gel with you and use it. I keep one at the front entrance of the Church in the closet and slather up after greeting people and one in the sacristy.

It is thought that the flu season has reached its peak, which is rather early, but I would urge taking prudent precautions for some time yet: avoid crowds if you can; if you go shopping disinfect shopping cart handles; regularly disinfect your hands with soap and water or with a sanitizing gel; be conscious not to put your hands near your eyes or mouth; if you are sick stay home and keep hydrated, avoid caffeinated products, avoid contact with others. *If one is sick with the flu, there is a moral obligation to avoid contact with the elderly and the very young who are especially prone to the complications of the dominant flu strand.*